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Appl. No. 09/766,318

TC/A.U. 1774

Filed: January 19, 2001

Examiner: Ferguson

For: **HEAT-RESISTANT GLASS FIBER AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF**

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February 9, 2004

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due December 9, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$420 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 9, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.